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Draft strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

1. At its __ meeting, on __ January, the Main Committee approved the following changes to the text of the draft strategy for the further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (see A/CONF.207/L.1) and recommended them to the International Meeting for adoption.

2. Paragraph 1 bis was further revised to read (new agreed text in bold):

> 1 bis. The internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, provide the overarching framework for global poverty eradication and development support. **Small island developing States'** national development plans and strategies, including national sustainable development strategies, should include poverty reduction strategies, as appropriate, **and measures to address their vulnerabilities and to build resilience**, in order to contribute to the achievement of these internationally agreed goals and to be a key underpinning of donor and United Nations system support for small island developing States. [agreed]

3. Paragraph 19 was revised to read:

> 19. Small island developing States are located among the most vulnerable regions in the world in relation to the intensity and frequency of natural and environmental disasters and their increasing impact, and face disproportionately high economic, social and environmental consequences. The tragic impacts of the 26 December 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami and the recent hurricane/cyclone/typhoon season in the Caribbean and Pacific highlight their vulnerability. Small island developing States have undertaken to strengthen their respective national frameworks for more

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effective disaster management and are committed, with the necessary support of the international community, to: [agreed]

4. A new subparagraph 19 (c) was inserted, reading:

19. (c) Augment the capacity of small island developing States to predict and respond to emergency situations, including those affecting human settlements, stemming from natural and environmental disasters.

5. Subparagraph 49 (e) was agreed without change.

6. Subparagraph 49 (i) was revised to read:

49. (i) Participating in the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Group of the Convention on an international regime on access and benefit-sharing to elaborate and negotiate the nature, scope and elements of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing in accordance with the terms of decision VII/19 of the Conference of Parties to the Convention, including, inter alia, the issue of unauthorized access to and misappropriation of genetic resources and traditional knowledge, which is of particular concern to small island developing States. [agreed]

7. Subparagraph 72 (h) was agreed without change.

8. Paragraph 78 bis (previously paragraph 83) was revised to read:

78 bis. To adequately address their most urgent sustainable development challenges, small island developing States, with the necessary support of the international community, including through the facilitation and improvement of access to existing resources and, where appropriate, through allocation of dedicated financial resources, will take action in the following key areas: [agreed]

(a) **Climate change adaptation and sea-level rise**: as an integral component of their national sustainable development strategies, where appropriate, to develop and implement national adaptation strategies and facilitate regional and interregional cooperation, including within the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and, inter alia with support from the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund as appropriate; [agreed]

(b) **Energy**: to address the energy vulnerability of small island developing States, to promote access to energy efficient technologies, renewable energy and advanced clean energy technologies that are affordable and readily adaptable to the special circumstances of small island developing States; [agreed]

(c) **Intellectual property rights and development**: to protect intellectual property in small island developing States, including traditional knowledge and folklore, and recognize their value; [agreed]

(d) **Biodiversity**: to build representative systems of terrestrial and marine reserves, advance the development of the Convention on Biological Diversity programme of work on island biodiversity and facilitate access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of their utilization; [agreed]

(e) **Culture and development**: to promote the development of cultural industries in small island developing States, including through cultural exchanges among small island developing States and other countries; [agreed]

(f) **Natural and environmental disasters**: to develop partnerships to implement schemes that spread out risks, reduce insurance premiums, expand insurance coverage and thereby increase financing for post-disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation, and establish and strengthen effective early warning systems as well as other mitigation and response measures; [agreed]

(g) **Marine resources**: to promote national and regional efforts in the sustainable management of marine resources of small island developing States, through appropriate assessment and management of fish stocks and effective monitoring and surveillance of fishing, including appropriate enforcement measures to minimize illegal unreported and unregulated fishing, overharvesting, mapping of their exclusive economic zones, and in improving and strengthening existing regional mechanisms, where appropriate; [agreed]

(h) **Agriculture and rural development**: to promote agricultural competitiveness through the long-term development of efficient agricultural systems, diversification and value-added activities, and to ensure food security, inter alia, through research and development; [agreed]

(i) **HIV/AIDS**: to urgently intensify action at all levels to prevent and combat the spread of HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and other communicable and non-communicable diseases, and mitigate the impact of these diseases;

(j) **Transport and security**: to promote access to appropriate technology and increased technical and other assistance to further develop and manage transport infrastructure in small island developing States to meet international requirements, including those relating to security, as well as to minimize environmental impacts; [agreed]

(k) **Sustainable production and consumption**: to develop appropriate mechanisms to address the challenges associated with the design and implementation of small island developing States' sustainable production and consumption strategies at the national and regional levels; [agreed]

(l) **Information and communication technologies (ICT)**: to enhance ICT development, including connectivity and access to affordable hardware and software. [agreed]

9. Paragraph 82 was revised to read:

82. This commitment entails a more coherent, coordinated and collaborative approach to the sustainable development of small island developing States, through, inter alia:

(a) Strengthened country-driven donor coordination for small island developing States as regional groups or through national consultative processes, using existing frameworks, where relevant;

(b) Active support for regional and interregional cooperation among small island developing States, such as the small island developing States

University Consortium, the Caribbean-Pacific Water Initiative and the Interregional Ocean Governance Initiative;

(c) Broad-based partnerships that ensure involvement and participation of all relevant stakeholders, including the private sector; [agreed]

(d) Appropriate harnessing of the potential for foreign direct investment (FDI) and encouraging increased FDI flows to small island developing States;

(e) Urging developed countries that have not done so to make concrete efforts towards the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product (GNP) as official development assistance (ODA) and encouraging developing countries, including small island developing States, to build on progress achieved to use ODA effectively to help achieve development goals and targets; [agreed]

(f) Targeting and coordinating this aid well, including through harmonization of donor procedures, untying aid, increasing absorptive capacity and other such measures, which are particularly important when providing ODA to countries with limited capacity, such as small island developing States; [agreed]

(g) Urging GEF, consistent with the decisions of relevant bodies, to simplify and improve access to and the effectiveness and efficiency of its support, including disbursement procedures, and those of its implementing agencies. The international community should facilitate the access of small island developing States to GEF. [agreed]

10. Paragraph 84 and subparagraph (a) were revised to read:

84. Access to appropriate technologies remains crucial for the sustainable development of small island developing States. Small island developing States and relevant regional and international development partners should work together to: [agreed]

(a) Focus on the dissemination and use of technology that helps resilience-building in order to address the growing vulnerability (economic, environmental, social) of small island developing States; [agreed]

11. Subparagraph 84 (a) bis (previously subparagraph 84 (d)) was revised to read:

84. (a) bis Promote access to technological system licences, with due respect for the rights of licence holders, including for the management of waste as a resource, energy efficiency and renewable energy development, through mechanisms such as regional development banks; [agreed]

12. A new subparagraph 84 (j) was inserted, reading:

(j) Consider the establishment of a small island developing States dedicated technology transfer and development facility. [agreed]

13. Paragraph 85 and subparagraph (a) were revised to read:

85. The international community commits itself to continuing to support the efforts of small island developing States to develop human and institutional capacity through: [agreed]

(a) Cooperation with other capacity development initiatives and existing programmes, such as the UNDP capacity 2015 programme, to provide resources for education reform, making education systems relevant for small island developing States, including through the integration of national sustainable development strategies in education curricula; [agreed]

14. Paragraph 90 was revised to read:

90. International institutions, including financial institutions, should pay appropriate attention to the particular needs and priorities of small island developing States. In this regard, the international community recognizes the diversity of circumstances that exist within developing countries and the need to avoid a one-size-fits-all approach. International organizations should operate on an integrated cross-sector-based approach in order to ensure the optimum utilization of resources across sectors. [agreed]

15. Paragraph 94 was revised to read:

94. The international community recognizes the importance of regular monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of this action programme, including within the overall framework of the integrated and coordinated follow-up of United Nations summits and conferences. [agreed]